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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING AND PREPARING
DOCUMENTATION FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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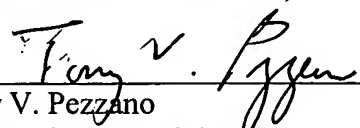
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